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THEY SAY.

That Jimmy Lyons was a factor in the win of Gladstone Seconds in the Lincoln Cup Saturday.

That Gladesville are to be congratulated on their fine performance, and that a ding-dong struggle will take place between Gladesville and Balmain in the League Cup Final next Saturday.

That Balgownie have a good chance in the Gardiner Cup, also in the Metropolitan-II "Knock-out" competition.

That Granville will be hard on it to defeat the South Sydney Premiers.

CRONIN CUP.

The draw for the Cronin semi-finals is as follows:—
Balmain v Pyrmont.

St. George v Annandale-Hardt or Gladesville-Ryde.

Eastern Suburbs and Gladesville withdrew from this competition and consequently Pyrmont v St. George received byes in the first round. Balmain qualified for the semi-final by defeating Canterbury last Saturday.

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Metropolitan Association

Report of Management Committee for Month of August, 1925.

the period under review
ties of the Management
were of a less strenu-
than that which char-
the preceding months.
approach of the closing
playing season, the matters
under the purview of the
are, in a large mea-
a routine nature. As
are conversant with
the formal business tran-
is therefore unnecessary
to elaborate them in this pre-

Metropolitan Premiership.

interest was manifest-
throughout the currency of
the Grade Premiership by
the Clubs. The games
were well contested.
third successive season,
District Club gained the
the narrow margin of
from Gladesville-Ryde
the congratulations of the
parts of the Associa-
attended to the victors,
winners-up.

South Coast Knock- out Competition.

the object of keeping the
active, this competition
was maintained. It is anticipat-
ed the final will be played
on September 19th.

Gardiner Cup.

it is regretted that
one of the Metropolitan
has been eliminated from
the classic, it is gratifying
to note the splendid performan-
ce of the Suburbs and An-
thardt in the at-

tempts to retrieve the situation
for Sydney Clubs. Nevertheless,
after stirring contests the Clubs
mentioned were defeated by
Northern combinations. Our con-
gratulations go to Kurri Kurri
and Wallsend respectively. It is
perhaps, opportune to note that
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against 10 of their opponents.
The Cup was not contested in
1916 and 1917.

Cronin Cup.

The Committee granted the
Cronin Cup Committee permission
to conduct the annual competi-
tion this year amongst the First
Grade (the competition is to be
controlled by this Association)
District Clubs. Six clubs entered.
The conditions:—All games to be
played at Ibrox Park, 40 per cent.
of gate money to Ibrox Park
Trust, 20 per cent. to each com-
peting Club, and 20 per cent. to
N.S.F.A.; Ibrox Park Trust to
pay advertising and cost of mark-
ing ground.

Pymont Club's Appeal.

The Management Committee
having awarded Granville the
match set down for decision at
Clyde Oval on August 15 against
Pymont in the Lincoln Cup com-
petition, the last-named Club lod-
ged an appeal against the deci-
sion. This was the subject of a
special general meeting on August
31st, when the action of the com-
mittee was endorsed.

Tasmanian Junior Tour.

The South Hobart Junior Club
arrived in Sydney on August 30th,
to play a series of games in this
State. The Club is paying the
whole of its expenses. A grant of
£5/5/- was made for the enter-
tainment of the tourists by the
Management Committee.

For and on behalf of the Man-
agement Committee,

JAMES F. BLACK,
Asst. Hon. Secretary.

THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

The District system has come to stay—that is a certainty. Shall the same districts as were decided upon for last year remain for next year is a question, however. Is Granville too strong, and should Auburn be given district status is likely to be a live issue at the Rules Revision meeting. Which clubs are the best organised, and which are the weakest clubs. Is their weakness through lack of organising ability, or have they insufficient territory. Gladesville-Ryde, the last district admitted, has done wonderfully, and confounded the critics. The weakest districts as disclosed by the Premiership table are Pymont, Eastern Suburbs and St. George. But then Easts have improved, and have good wins over Balmain, Canterbury, and St. George to their credit recently. On the other hand Pymont, Canterbury, and St. George appear to have fallen away, and also Annandale-Leichhardt. Should one of the three districts operating in a contiguous area, Balmain, Annandale-Leichhardt, and Pymont be dispensed with, or should Canterbury and St. George be combined. It must be remembered that the latter would have been hard put to it to carry on in the early stages without the help of three Auburn players—Tranter, Evans and Picken, and Canterbury have suffered severely as a result of defections to the South Coast. A North Sydney district in a year or two will, without doubt, come into being, but this district is not strong enough yet.

The division of the Metropolis into eight districts wants reviewing in the light of this year's experience. Let us always sink our own interests and legislate to make eight evenly matched districts, so that every match will be a "star" match, and the results always difficult with certainty to forecast.

REFEREES' TREASURER.

Referee A. C. Kerr, his friends will be pleased to learn, has successfully undergone an operation, and is about again, and doing well.

DID YOU KNOW THAT.

The expenses of the Weston team visiting Balgownie to play their Gardiner Cup match last Saturday amounted to twenty-five pounds ten shillings.

This only provided for return second-class concession tickets for sixteen persons from Weston to Balgownie, plus 10/- per day for each of the sixteen travellers.

In addition to this the cost of advertising, referee expenses, and ground charges, have to be added, making the cost of staging the match approximately thirty-two pounds.

The gate at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2 on the occasion of the Premiership Final between Granville and Gladesville was nearly £65.

The Metropolitan officials and the two clubs concerned think a £200 gate was a possibility, if the weather conditions had not been so shocking.

The Metropolitan funds are certainly in need of a lift, as the Association's "cut" this year has been very small considering the heavy liabilities, mainly of advertising and provisions of six sets of medals.

In previous years the Association has taken all the gates on Association grounds, but that it is believed that the policy of providing the clubs with revenue is all for the benefit of the game, and should result in an improvement in the standard of play.

The semi-finals of the Gardiner Cup will take place next Saturday, September 19th, and the draw is announced elsewhere in this issue.

The Tasmanian Juniors have created a good impression, and it is believed the visit will help junior football both here and in Tasmania.

The gate at Ibrox Park last Saturday was quite good considering

the counter attractions £16 being taken at the gate.

The Ibrox Park Trust only 40 per cent. of the gate, as rent, and that after referee expenses are paid, the remainder is divided equally between the association and the competing

It is probable that a statement of receipts and disbursements will be prepared by the Metropolitan Treasurer immediately, so that the Annual Revision meeting can fully consider next year's policy in the light of the financial work of the Association for the past

The honorariums to the players who played in the Test match against the Englishmen have been paid over, and so great is the satisfaction that their services in the game have been adequately recognised.

The acceptance of honorariums cannot be construed as making our players professional, but the policy of granting an honorarium to test matches players is well tenanted in the cricket world, and is recognised by the Marylebone Cricket Club, which is the governing body in the cricket world of Old Country.

Judging by the cable messages on the return of the Australian team, the Australian Association is not to be "carpeted," as feared would be the case.

The Annual Conference of the States in Australia will place next December or January in Melbourne.

A visit from the New South Wales Juniors will take place next Saturday, and that a combined Metropolitan junior team will test them.

The standard of play in the clubs is apparently higher than in the Metropolitan, and that it is proposed to play an Inter-district fixture between Newcastle and Sydney on Saturday Hour Day in Sydney.

The fixture should be well patronised, and is expected to be a big draw card.

THE ENGLISH TOUR.

Mr. Lewis's Protests.

as reported in the "Athletic News").

The F.A. touring team has won second of the Test matches in Australia, but the cables tell of a complaint by Mr. John Lewis, manager of the tour, on the instruction placed on amateur-ism in the Commonwealth.

The system adopted in Test matches of recognised payments to players appears to obtain, for Mr. Lewis is announced as declaring that he will be bound on his return to England to report on the Australian interpretation of amateurism, "which he attacks on many points."

The Australian players just returned from the first Test, a week ago at Brisbane were allowed a day and a bonus of £5, he said, and were also compensated for loss of time—a violation of F.A.'s rule regarding amateur-

ism as in cricket, this is the accepted procedure in Australia, a problem opens up for the other Country; it is such practice that the F.A. have been talking on the Continent, even at the point of withdrawal from the Olympic Games and sending amateurs to meet Continental professional teams—a clear intention that they are not regarded as all-amateur.

Mr. Lewis adds that he will have to report that the Australian authorities have broken the law in permitting substitutes to replace injured players. He warned the F.A. before the tour sailed, is common in Australia. We had hoped that Mr. Lewis would be able to persuade Commonwealth authorities of the danger and undesirability of such a system.

LINCOLN CUP.

The defeat of Granville by Gladesville-Ryde last Saturday was one of the surprises of the season. The final between the Gladesville team and Balmain will take place at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, at 1.45 next Satur-

ABOUT THE PLAYERS.

By "C.H.B."

Even "Nick" Cartwright cannot prevent goals being scored, and it was certainly strange to hear the comment of a sport who did not know the personnel of Annandale-Leichhardt when he heard the score at the match on the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2. Said he: "Annandale must have a mug goalie. 'Nick' by the way is well satisfied over the treatment of the test match players by the English Tour Subcommittee. As is well known he has made many sacrifices to carry out representative match engagements."

The dropping out of club engagements of three Australian representatives against the Englishmen—F. Gallen, G. Storey, and S. Robinson—has been so marked as to occasion comment. It would be interesting to learn their reasons.

G. Storey has a reasonable excuse—it is understood that he came a cropper, against West Wallsend, and hurt his hand. The others have, so it is said, simply declined to play further.

Players must become imbued with the idea that only by their efforts will the game grip the public, and big gates results. International representatives should set the example, and endeavour to "coach" their colleagues, and assist their clubs in every way.

Judy Masters is a great example in this way. He is the Secretary of the Balgownie Club, besides a star player, and fills in his "spare" time between training and organising at coaching the young idea.

McMahon, the Balgownie right winger, according to "Judy," is "something out of the box, and he will watch closely to-day to see how his form compares to that of Stan Bourke.

The tussle between old club mates in Bourke and Spurway in the Premiership Final the other week was a joy to the close observer, and it is said by many that Harry Spurway found the combination of Winter and Bourke even more formidable than the elusiveness and speed of the English crack, Hannaford.

The Gladesville centre-forward, Wright, is well thought of by Alex. Thompson, and his colleagues, but he is certainly a most "in and out" player. Last Saturday against a weak defence he performed meritoriously, but against Granville he failed badly.

His greatest fault appears to be his hesitation in shooting. He seems to wait too long. He is certainly very tricky, and one would like to see him eradicate this fault.

It is said that Norman Hill was told off specially to mark the Gladesville flying left-winger, Robertson, in the big match recently, and he certainly put the latter off his game. Hill is a great spoiler, and a better player than he is sometimes given credit for.

That popular full-back, Montgomery, of Gladesville, is inclined to agree with a press writer who blamed him for the Reds' defeat against Granville. As he says, somebody must be blamed, so why not the skipper.

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Programme

CRONIN CUP

SEMI-FINAL

AT IBROX PARK ——— 3.15 P.M.

BALMAIN v. PYRMONT — 3.15 P.M.

BALMAIN
(Black and Gold Halves)

W. Hughes

1—R. Leadbetter

2—S. Jelfs

3—J. Fisher

4—F. Hancock
or 11—R. White

5—W. Byers

6—F. Baxter

7—W. Buttel

9—W. Hale

10—H. McLean

8—J. Sinclair

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(Team not available at press).

PYRMONT
(Blue)

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Referee: J. Lester.

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AT IBROX PARK ——— 1.45 P.M.

SYDNEY REFEREES v. NEWCASTLE REFEREES

SYDNEY REFEREES. (Blue)

E. Jones

1—H. Battin

2—P. O'Hara

3—T. Smith

4—L. Gill

5—C. R. Brown

6—H. Cockwell 7—J. Clark 9—J. Blakeley 10—E. J. Martin

8—G. McGrath

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(Team not available at press).

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BALGOWNIE v. GRANVILLE — 3.15 PM

BALGOWNIE
(Blue)

H. Masters

1—P. Hunter 2—J. Parker
3—W. Johnstone 4—S. Learmonth 5—H. Johnson
6—A. McMahon 7—D. Ward 9—T. Thompson 10—
8—J. Masters

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8—J. Hele
10—H. Flynn 9—E. Williams 7—H. Winter 6—
5—Ledbury 4—A. Henderson 3—N. H.
2—W. Mace 1—Rigby

E. Atchison

GRANVILLE
(Black and White Stripes)

Reserves—Balgownie: 11—T. Adie.

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SUBURBS v. GLADESVILLE-RYDE, 1.45 P.M.

EASTERN SUBURBS
(Red, White and Blue Stripes)

W. Wyatt

- 1—G. Booth 2—T. Barber
3—Ballard 4—N. Wilkins 5—S. Peel
6—C. O'Connor 9—T. Maddocks 10—R. C. Maitland
8—J. Smith

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7—F. Wright

- 8—N. Henson 8—G. Macfarlan 24—J. Hain
9—Spurway 4—W. Maizey 12—J. Dey
10—E. Pont 1—S. Montgomery

F. Anderson

GLADESVILLE-RYDE
(Maroon)

Eastern Suburbs: 11—O. Pozdelik; 12—B. Thompson;
13—A. Briggs; 14—A. Rigby.

Gladesville-Ryde: 11—T. Ellis.

Referee: C. R. Brown.

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CHARLES BUCHAN.

His Transfer to Woolwich Arsenal.

(From the "Athletic News")

So Charles Buchan goes back to town. The genius among modern Association inside forwards had to leave London to make fame.

Born at Plumstead in 1891, he played for Woolwich Polytechnic Day School, then joined the Polytechnic senior team. Woolwich Arsenal tried him in the reserves in a few games, but he could not leave his employment for the longer journeys, so turned to Northfleet in the Kent League. That was in 1909. He joined the now defunct Leyton club in 1910, and the ability of the master peeped through, so that Fulham sought his services when Leyton were going to the wall. Buchan required employment, and there came the hitch. Sunderland were attracted, and Buchan went North—partly, he says, because he was rather anxious to see other parts of England.

The Man Who Was Too Good.

His record since 1910-11, when he first played at Roker Park, is a story of triumph—and of disappointments. He helped the club to win The League in 1912-13 with a record number of points (54 of 76) and in the same season figured with the team in Sunderland's only F.A. Cup Final, to fail before the Villa.

But it is in international football that Buchan's disappointments have come. He has only four appearances to show—one each against Scotland and Wales, and two against Ireland. Many a player of half Buchan's ability has twice as many honors. The giant who has tamed the ball and has greater gifts than any inside forward in the game has not been at his best in the internationals, but is nevertheless a most unfortunate man. "Too good," 'twas said. "He mystifies his colleagues!"

Now he returns to town, still the most discussed man in football. Perhaps his powers are on the wane. A player who has been in League football since 1910 has had a good innings.

But there must be plenty of excellent football in Buchan yet, and his transfer is a plain indication of Arsenal's policy. Chelsea has its Andrew Wilson, Highbury its Buchan. The magnets are going to town.

ENGLISH SOCCER.

Saturday's Results.

("Sun" Special).

London, Sunday.

Results in First Division Soccer yesterday were:—

Birmingham beat Blackburn Rovers 2—0.

Burnley beat Leicester City 4—0.

Cardiff City beat Everton 2—1.

Leeds United and Aston Villa drew 2—2.

Liverpool and West Ham drew nil-all.

Woolwich Arsenal beat Manchester United 1—0.

Newcastle United beat Notts County 6—3.

Tottenham Hotspur beat Manchester City 1—0.

Sunderland beat West Bromwich Albion 5—2.

Bolton Wanderers beat Bury 5—0.

Huddersfield beat Sheffield 3—2.

Second Division.

Barnsley beat Clapton Orient 3—1.

Darlington beat Derby County 2—0.

Stoke City beat Fulham 4—2.

Middlesbrough beat Wolverhampton 4—1.

Notts Forest and Blackpool drew 1—1.

Chelsea beat Portvale 6—0.

Preston North End beat Swansea 4—2.

Portsmouth beat Southampton 3—1.

South Shields and Sheffield Wednesday drew 1—1.

Hull City beat Bradford City 1—0.

Stockport beat Oldham 1—0.

Buchan Still Scoreless.

Buchan, who was transferred from Sunderland to Woolwich Arsenal at a fee of £1500, and £100 for each goal he kicks, has not yet scored. He made the pass which gave the Arsenal victory yesterday. Brain scored the goal.

PROBLEM FOR AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION.

A great problem for the officials legislating for the game in Australia offers to tour Australia, ready been received in China and the other. The "Sydney Referee" "Arrow," through which are advocating the visit from South Africa, and that the "fathers of the game" in Springbok land are interested in Australia and the English visit. The suggestion that an Australian South Africa would be then there is more probability than an invitation received from New South Wales to tour the on the top of all this. Interstate competition, under a system decided upon, for the association Trophy. It is considered, too, is the political Association has been against International matches in Australia. Buchan, believing that it is better to concentrate on the ball for one year. The problem bristles with and the meeting of the wealth body in January, fraught with much. It is impossible to make success under present of an Interstate competition yet an Interstate competition South Wales occupying weeks, might be won. We could get the best views of readers of the would be welcomed and cons of the matter. tionably the International programme of the past placed us definitely and whether we should that policy, say in a question to which we should give much thought.

THEY SAY

That a South African "out" competition is started, a set of medals been donated by a hotel at Corrimal.

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you on behalf of the St. Aidan's football

Respectfully,
H. M. BENTLEY,
(V. Capt.).

THEY SAY.

It is proposed to form a New South Wales Committee to investigate the results of a New South Wales football season.

There are many questions which require a satisfactory solution before this committee can become an established

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DEATH OF "JOCK" MURRAY.

Football followers were shocked last week-end to hear of the death of John ("Jock") Murray, the well-known St. George full-back, from tetanus, following an accident on the Canterbury Sports Ground in the Canterbury-St. George match on August 23rd. Our late friend was unfortunate enough to have an accident to his finger which necessitated three stitches; tetanus intervened, and he was buried at Worinora Cemetery last Sunday. There were over 300 friends of the deceased at the funeral.

GARDINER CUP.

The semi-final draw of the Gardiner Cup has been made as follows:—

West Wallsend or Wallsend v. Cessnock.
Balgownie v Adamstown.

The venues of the semi-finals to be decided at the week-end.

The match between West Wallsend and Wallsend takes place in Newcastle to-day.

WRITING HOME HABIT.

How English Soccer Team was Treated.

Lewis' Letters.

(Published in "Daily Guardian").

When the Football Association's team returns to England shortly, after its great record in Australia, it is quite anticipated that the men will have scores of grievances to air.

For some time past the English sporting papers, and in particular the provincial press, have been quoting portions of letters written by players to relatives at home, in which the men complain of certain lack of consideration on the part of the Australian authorities.

The majority of the complaints are inconsequential, and quite unworthy of publication.

Mr. John Lewis, the manager of the touring team, is quoted in the "Athletic News" as follows:

"I had to complain frequently about the balls used in our matches. On one occasion the ball did not seem very well blown up, so it was unlaced. The bladder was then discovered to be of the Rugby ball type!"

Mr. Lewis adds: "I was told that this ball was the same type as those used in our cup finals."

Despite this allegation on the part of Mr. Lewis, it was definitely proved that the ball was locally manufactured as a soccer ball.

Mr. Lewis also deals at length with unfair umpiring and undue penalties, although he must surely recognise the fact that wherever sport—and more particularly football—is played, the question of impartial refereeing is always the paramount problem.

Such an attitude on a point that

was never at any time more serious than in the average English Cup Tie matches at present can do little to promote better feeling among the sportsmen of both countries.

This writing-home habit always leads the Englishmen into trouble.

Whatever complaints Mr. Lewis had in Australia, he always appeared to be frank. Furthermore, he always held the English, or "authoritative," end of the stick.

At the official welcome home a fortnight ago, Mr. Lewis, according to report, was more complimentary than critical in regard to Australian treatment.

Anyway, it's a good job they were letters, and not cables, that went to England!—S. Ed.

tober. Tickets will be on and after Monday.

Obituary

The P.C.S.F.A. has expressed heartfelt sympathy to the Association in their loss of Rep. player.

Draw for 19th Sept

Interested clubs should meet at M.C. meeting on Tuesday.

FIRST GRADE

	P	W
Holy Trinity	A 13	12
Alex. Mission	A 12	8
St. Clements	A 13	8
All Saints	A 13	8
Austens	A 10	5
Drum. Bapt.	A 13	4
Pymont Congs.	A 13	1
St. Johns	A 8	0

SECOND GRADE

A Division

	P	W
Lakemba Cong	A 14	12
H. Pk. Congs	A 14	12
Tempe Pk Meth.	A 14	10
Concord Meth.	A 14	7
M'kville Pres.	A 14	6
Cant'bury Meth.	A 14	7
M'kville Bapt.	A 13	0
St. Andrews	A 14	0

2nd GRADE

B Division

Campsie Meth	A 14	12
Botany Meth	A 14	11
St Bartholomews	A 14	10
Holy Trinity B	A 14	7
Enmore K.S.P.	A 14	6
Alex Mission B	A 14	5
St Peters K.S.P.	A 14	1
City Mission	A 14	1

2nd GRADE

C Division

St. Aidans	A 14	12
All Souls	A 14	11
Croydon Cong	A 14	9
L'hardt Meth.	A 14	6
St. Stephens	A 14	5
All Saints B.	A 14	4
St. Johns Glebe	A 14	3
St. Albans	A 11	1

Protestant Churches Association

Tasmanian Juniors.

Last Thursday week the Churches met the boys from the "Spec" on Primrose Park. At half-time the score was 1—1, but after the interval the locals were the only ones in the picture, and ran out victorious 6—1. J. Havill and A. Chessel were the pick of the Churches, and indeed played so well that they were both selected to represent the Metropolis last Thursday, and acquitted themselves very creditably. "Mutt" Chessel also played a very decent game against Tasmania last Saturday.

Last Saturday's Matches.

Lakemba Congs. A held Holy Trinity up till half-time in the First Grade K.O., but that was all, as in the second spasm the Dawes Point boys were easily the better and ran out 4—1 victors. All Saints A and Campsie Meth. A gave a closer and very fine exhibition of the game, Capt. Travers' team scoring the only goal of the match.

St. Bartholomews and All Souls played good football, though the Pymont team ran out with a 2-goal victory. Garland played a great game for the winners, while Havill was the pick of the losers. Williams, of St. Bartholomew, didn't like the linesman, with the result that the said Williams will

not play to-day, but will appear before management next Tuesday.

In Third Grade, St. Thomas A defeated St. Bedes 2—1, after the best game seen in that grade this year. Each team scored from a penalty. This victory gives the competition to the Rozelle boys.

St. Silas had an easy victory, but Botany Meth. B had to fight every minute of the game and defeated their Campsie contemporaries by the odd goal in three.

To-day's Games.

St. Aidans A meet Holy Trinity A in the semi-final of the First Grade K.O. The Dale team might extend them, but we think that Steve Hayward's team will get there.

St. Bartholomews should easily account for St. Thomas A. Holy Trinity B will have some of their players in camp, and this will probably mean victory to Croydon Congs. A.

In Third Grade, Hurlstone Park Meth. will have Botany Meth. B thinking at Centennial Park No. 1, at 3.15. St. Silas will play their deferred match with Croydon Congs. B, which team reckon they'll win.

Marrickville Town Hall.

The sixth annual presentation of trophies will be held in Marrickville Town Hall on 1st Oc-

THE GROUND QUESTION

Several clubs are anxious to obtain grounds for next season, and this is necessary. The game is used to a large extent for the utilisation of association trolled grounds, because have to be played on every Saturday. The Wentworth Park was a boon in disguise, and questionable whether "cuts" would have been as they were with the Wentworth Park overhead expenses.

Questions and Answers

ON THE

Laws of the Game

LAW 8. Questions and Answers.

Q. Is a goal-keeper allowed to handle the ball outside the penalty area?

Yes.

Q. How many steps is a goal-keeper allowed to take whilst in possession of the ball?

Two.

Q. Would you allow a goal-keeper to take more than two steps while bouncing the ball on his hand?

Yes.

Q. Would you allow a goal-keeper to take more than two steps while bouncing the ball on the ground?

Yes.

Q. Would you allow another player to take the place of the goal-keeper without notification?

Yes.

Q. Would you penalise such player for handling the ball if notice of the change had not been given you?

Yes.

Q. What penalty would you award without in penalty area?

Penalty kick.

Q. Would you give a penalty kick for a goal-keeper carrying the ball?

Yes.

Q. Can a goal-keeper throw the ball over the head of an opposing player, step round him and re-gather the ball before touching the ground?

Yes. This is not regarded as "carrying."

Q. Can you score direct from the free-kick awarded you for the goal-keeper carrying the ball?

Yes.

Q. May a goal-keeper be charged in his own area?

Yes, when he is holding the ball or obstructing an attacker.

Q. May an opponent, who is on-side, obstruct a goal-keeper by standing in his way or by preventing his close view of the ball?

Yes, a player may hustle or obstruct the goal-keeper, but must not charge him in his own area unless the goal-keeper is holding the ball or obstructing.

Q. Can you give a free-kick for impeding or obstructing the goal-keeper?

Yes.

92—Q. If an opponent attempts to kick the ball out of the goal-keeper's grip when he falls to the ground, and hugs the ball in his attempt to save his goal, what would be your decision?

A. The game should be stopped, if, in your opinion, you think the action or actions are likely to be dangerous, not otherwise.

93—Q. What is obstructing?

A. A player is obstructing an opponent when he prevents the clear access of the opponent to the ball, or prevents his clear view of the ball. He may do this either moving so as to get in the way, or by standing still when in the way.

94—Q. May a goal-keeper push or hold or trip a player?

A. No.

95—Q. What punishment would you give in such a case?

A. Penalty, if in the penalty area; free-kick, if outside the penalty area.

96—Q. Suppose a goal-keeper wears a jersey contrary to the Rules?

A. He must be ordered to the dressing room to have it changed.

LAW 9. Questions and Answers.

97—Q. How many penalty offences are there, and what are they?

A. Nine. Intentionally—

- (1) Tripping an opponent.
- (2) Kicking an opponent.
- (3) Jumping at an opponent.
- (4) Striking an opponent.
- (5) Handling the ball.
- (6) Holding an opponent.
- (7) Pushing an opponent.
- (8) Charging an opponent violently or dangerously.
- (9) Charging an opponent from behind.

Note.—1, 2, and 3 with the feet; 4, 5, 6 and 7 with the hands; 8 and 9 with the body.

98—Q. What punishment may you inflict for these offences?

A. If outside the penalty area a free-kick, from which a goal may be scored direct. Inside the penalty area—penalty kick.

99—Q. What is tripping?

A. Intentionally throwing, or attempting to throw, an opponent by the use of the legs or by stooping in front or behind him.

- 100—Q. What is jumping at?
A. Charging with both feet off the ground.
- 101—Q. What is holding?
A. It is intentionally obstructing a player by the hand or any part of the arm extended from the side.
- 102—Q. What is handling?
A. Intentionally playing the ball with the hand or any part of the arm.
- 103—Q. Would you penalise these offences if they were committed bona-fide unintentionally?
A. No.
- 104—Q. If in jumping to head a ball, a player accidentally collided with an opponent, what action would you take?
A. None.
- 105—Q. When may a player be charged in the back?
A. When he is facing his own goal and intentionally obstructing.
- 106—Q. Would you allow such a charge to be rough?
A. No.
- 107—Q. What is a fair charge?
A. An impact given on the run with the shoulder, not violent or dangerous.
- 108—Q. What decision would you give against a player who charged the goal-keeper while in the act of playing the ball?
A. Free kick.
- 109—Q. When can a goal-keeper be charged?
A. (1) When actually holding the ball.
(2) When obstructing an opponent.
(3) When outside the goal area.
- 110—Q. Would you allow a forward, being on-side, to obstruct the goal-keeper by standing in his way or otherwise interfere with him?
A. Yes; providing he does not actually charge the goal-keeper.
- 111—Q. What decision would you give if a player robbed or attempted to rob an opponent from behind and in so doing intentionally tripped him?
A. Free-kick (penalty kick within penalty area if done by a defender).
- 112—Q. What decision would you give against a player who intentionally stooped either before or behind an opponent?
A. Free-kick (penalty kick within penalty area if done by a defender).
- 113—Q. Can a player be charged in the back if not intentionally obstructing his opponent?
A. No.

- 114—Q. Can a player, turning his back on opponent about to tackle him, be charged from behind?
A. Yes.
- 115—Q. Can a player, facing his own goal intentionally obstructing an opponent pushed with the hands?
A. No.
- 116—Q. Is a goal-keeper entitled to keep opponent off with his hands?
A. No.

LAW 12. Questions and Answers

- 130—Q. Is a player allowed to wear nails or metal plates on his shoes or metal buckles or pins on his shirt?
A. No.
- 131—Q. How far must bars extend on his shins?
A. From side to side.
- 132—Q. What must be the minimum width of a bar?
A. Half an inch.
- 133—Q. What must be the maximum height of bars or studs?
A. Half an inch.
- 134—Q. What must be the minimum diameter of studs?
A. Half an inch.
- 135—Q. What must be their shape?
A. Round in plan—not conical or pointed.
- 136—Q. What is your duty if you find a player breaking this law?
A. To order him off the field.
- 137—Q. Would you allow him to return after changing his boots?
A. No.
- 138—Q. If you found a player's boots unfit for a match started, or at half-time, would you allow him to play after changing them?
A. Yes.
- 139—Q. Is it part of your duty to examine a player's boots before a match?
A. Yes, but only if requested.
- 140—Q. Must you report a player when he is off for breaking this rule?
A. No.

LAW 13. Questions and Answers.

- 141—Q. Have you power of ordering a player off the field without previous caution if so, when?
A. Yes, in the case of violent conduct.

is violent conduct?

conduct includes foul or threatening language or actions towards players or spectators, as well as violence such as a blow, kick or

you order off the field a player committing one or other of the laws of the game, although not committing violent offence?

having first cautioned him.

would be your decision if a player persistently wasted time by kicking the ball out of play?

in your opinion, a player is deliberately wasting time he should be warned. If he persists he would be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct and be dealt with for that offence?

you order a player off for ungentlemanly conduct?

but only after a previous caution.

would the term "ungentlemanly conduct" cover?

Amongst other things, the use of bad language, making insulting motions or making remarks, refusing to obey the referee's orders, calling out misleading instructions in order to put an opponent at his play, persistent infringement of any of the laws, constant and frivolous appeals, shouting at the taker of a penalty-kick, etc.

Is it necessary to report cases of ordering off the field?

To whom?

Yes (except offences re boots).

The Local Association controlling the district.

What penalty would you inflict in the case of a player using his weight unnecessarily?

Caution and free-kick. (Can use his weight only by a fair charge).

How long does the referee's power last?

From the start to the finish of the game, and includes half-time, temporary stoppages, and when the ball is out of play.

When must a referee's report be made?

Within three days after the occurrence (Sundays not included). For instance, must arrive by, or before, the last post on a Wednesday after a Saturday match.

Can you, as referee, alter your decision?

Yes; if you find your first decision was wrong and you have not allowed the play to proceed.

If a player is injured would you allow him to remain on the field of play to

receive attention until he is able to resume?

A. No, he must retire or be removed behind the goal or touch-line and the game immediately re-started.

LAW 14. Questions and Answers.

153—Q. What are a linesmen's duties?

A. To advise the referee when the ball is out of play, and which side is entitled to corner-kicks or throw-in. He must also, where neutral, call the attention of the referee to rough play or ungentlemanly conduct, and must, if consulted by the referee, give his opinion on any point on which he may be in doubt.

154—Q. Is a linesman's decision final?

A. No.

155—Q. If a linesman misconducts himself, what steps would you take?

A. Order him off, appoint another linesman and report the offender.

LAW 15. Questions and Answers.

156—Q. What stops the play?

A. The referee's whistle or command only.

REFEREES' REMINDERS.

1. Don't forget that your Referees' Association exists for your improvement and protection, and it is incumbent upon you to attend the meetings. Also that your attendances are carefully noted by the officials.

2. Members wishing a decision or a ruling on any point of play, incident or law of the game, should forward a statement to the Secretary three days before any meeting, when a ruling will be given by the Chairman.

3. Be punctual; don't keep teams awaiting your arrival.

4. Be careful to charge exactly what you are entitled to—no less and no more.

5. Keep your temper.

6. Don't get flurried.

7. Don't argue with players.

8. Don't stop a game unnecessarily.

9. A little tact does a great deal sometimes.

10. Don't try to justify your decisions afterwards.

11. Ignore the spectators; satisfy your own conscience.

12. Never forget that—the least said the soonest mended—both on the field, in the dressing room, and during the week.

M.S.F.A.

Fixtures for To-day, 12th
September, 1925.

**METROPOLITAN-ILLAWARRA
KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.**

Semi-Finals.

Granville v Balgownie, Sydney
Cricket Ground No. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Referee, A. W. Bates. Lines-
men, J. E. Hopper and T.
Leighton.

Gladesville-Ryde v Eastern Sub-
urbs, Sydney Cricket Ground
No. 2, 1.45 p.m. Referee, C.
R. Brown.

CRONIN CUP.

Semi-Final.

Balmain v Pyrmont, Ibrox Park,
3.15. Referee, J. Lester. Lines-
men, H. Ashby and G. Davis.

REFEREES' MATCH.

Sydney Referees v Newcastle Re-
ferees, Ibrox Park, 1.45 p.m.
Referee, S. Crum.

**RESULTS OF LAST
SATURDAY'S GAMES.**

State Championship.

Adamstown beat Corrimal 3—1.
Cessnock beat Kurri Kurri 2—1.
Balgownie beat Weston 2—1.

**Metropolitan-Illawarra Knock-
out.**

Gladesville-Ryde beat Annandale-
Leichhardt 7—1.

Cronin Cup.

Balmain beat Canterbury 5—0.

Lincoln Cup.

Balmain beat Eastern Suburbs 2
—1.

1st Grade.

St. George forfeited to Eastern
Suburbs.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Granville	14	11	2	1	45	20	23
Gladesville	14	11	3	—	38	22	22
Canterbury	12	7	4	1	23	20	15
Balmain	13	7	6	—	21	15	14
Ann.-Leichhardt . .	14	5	8	1	21	31	11
E. Suburbs	14	4	9	1	19	34	9
St. George	13	2	8	3	20	28	7
Pyrmont	13	2	8	3	16	32	7

**CLAIMS OF NEWCASTLE
SCHOOLBOYS.**

Frozen Out of Rep. Teams.

Mr. C. C. Walker, Hon. Secre-
tary of the Newcastle branch of
the Public Schools Amateur Ath-
letic Association, writing to the
Sydney "Referee," complaining
of the lack of consideration shown
to the Newcastle branch of the
P.S.A.A.A. by the parent body as
follows:—

On behalf of Newcastle branch
of the Public Schools' Amateur
Athletic Association, permit me to
place a grievance before the N.S.
Wales Rugby League, the N.S.W.
Soccer Association, the Metro-
politan Soccer Association, and all
citizens of New South Wales
whose ready sympathy and gener-
ous support have made possible
the carrying out of the ever-grow-
ing work of the Public Schools'
Amateur Athletic Associations.

Following is a verbatim extract
from the 36th annual report of
the Council of the P.S.A.A.A. The
formation of branch associations
at various centres has rendered
possible the inclusion of country
scholars in the Interstate repre-
sentative teams, and when claims
are ultimately adjusted to gen-
eral satisfaction this will have a
good effect on the State-wide de-
velopment of the P.S.A.A.A.

In accordance with the spirit
of the preceding paragraph, a
branch was inaugurated at New-
castle.

During and including the years
1919-1923 Newcastle more than
held their own with Sydney in

football contests. Inter-
barred Interstate
Strange to say, these
contests were sup-
diately we had
claims to repre-
contests might
been continued
tive selectors
casions. The
suredly have
lection of the best

During 1924 we
ful in gaining three
representatives in New
Soccer team to Syd-
three out of 20
Wales Soccer team
four out of 20
Wales League team
land, and two out
South Wales
Queensland.

We had no voice
agement, nor in the
these teams. The
not see our players
during the season
only limited in
were also restricted
to nominate certain
play. This applied
Thus our best were
prived selection
pability of theirs,
players each paid
nanced one-sixth of
P.S.A.A.A.

The following extract
Hon. Secretary just
clusion: "The New
Council places on
preciation of the
castle representative
ous teams. Permit
tion the outstanding
Wrightson, Riley,
Green."

Despite the fact that
representation was
fair, and costly, we
during 1925. Teams
toria, S.A., and Que-
ed Sydney recently
called New South
In these matches
castle player was

On behalf of New-
phatically protest
fair treatment, and
sire to place the facts
readers so that "ulti-
may be adjusted to
tion of all."